

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in connection with a continuation application filed on even date herewith.

Applicant has amended specification to claim the priority of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/183,305, filed June 27, 2002.

Applicant submits proposed new drawing FIG. 6, annexed hereto as Exhibit A. FIG. 6 shows the zipper of the present invention in greater detail, wherein the zipper is provided in a generally C-shaped configuration joining the top wall to the sidewalls. Applicant submits that proposed drawing FIG. 6 does not represent new matter, as support for same can be found in the specification on page 6 of the specification (“a c-shaped configuration” and “zipper 22 could be positioned at any desired location on the cover 10...”.) Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests acceptance and entry of proposed drawing FIG. 6.

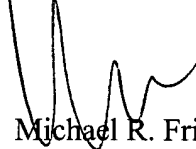
Concurrent with new FIG. 6, Applicant has amended the specification to include disclosure relating to same. Applicant has amended the Brief Description of the Drawings section to refer to new FIG. 6. Additionally, Applicant has amended the Detailed Description of the invention to include a paragraph describing the C-shaped configuration of the zipper of the present invention. Applicant submits that the amendments to the specification are adequately supported by the specification, and no new matter is believed to be introduced thereby.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-9 and 12-15, which claims were allowed in the parent application. Claim 10 has been amended, and claims 10-11 are presented herein for prosecution. Additionally, Applicant submits new claims 16-19.

Applicant submits that claims 10-11 and 16-19 are patentable over the references of record in the prior application. Applicant further submits that no new matter has been added. Examination is requested and favorable action solicited.

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